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In re Application of:	:	
S. MERRILL SKEIST et al.	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Serial No.: 10/705,330	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL
Filed: November 10, 2003	:	
Attorney Docket No.:	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(c), filed November 10, 2003, to make the above-identified application special.

Petitioner requests that the above-identified application be made special under the accelerated examination procedure set forth in the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (M.P.E.P.) § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age.

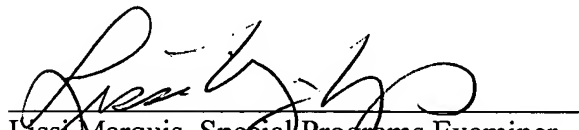
A grantable petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102, and in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section IV, must include evidence showing that the applicant is sixty five (65) years of age or more. No fee is required for this petition.

The petition includes a declaration from the inventors, S. Merrill Skeist and Richard H. Baker, stating that the he is sixty-five (65) years of age or more.

Accordingly, the petition is GRANTED.

After allowance, this application will be given priority for printing. See M.P.E.P. § 1309.

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